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***GENTIANA GLAUCA***  
**GLAUCOUS GENTIAN**

Glaucous Gentian is a glabrous perennial with stems that are 3-10 cm high and arise from rosettes connected by creeping rhizomes. The fleshy rosette leaves are egg-shaped and 1-2 cm long, while stem leaves of fertile rosettes are opposite and smaller. 3-5 crowded, short-stalked flowers arise from the axils of the upper leaves, or bracts. The tubular, blue corollas are 1-2 cm long and have 5 erect lobes with unfringed plaits between the lobes on the insides, plus 5 stamens attached to the inside. The 5-lobed calyx is ca. 4-7 mm long. The fruit is a stalked, short, tubular, many-seeded capsule. Flowering in late July-early August.

*GENTIANA PROSTRATA* has creeping stems but bears only one flower per stem. *G. CALYCOSA* has flowers greater than 2 cm long. *GENTIANELLA PROPINQUA* has a slender taproot.